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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Applicant acknowledges receipt of an Office Action dated 09/25/2002. Applicant responds to the Examiner's concerns as follows.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 16 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as unpatentable over Nakayama; Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections. Nakayama discloses only a kind of knowledge propagation system, a relatively passive information sharing system. The only apparent active feature taught by Nakayama is the annotation of various shared information by the readers of the information, in such a way that the original sharer can tell what annotations have been added. Neither innovation nor development is actively attracted to the system disclosed by Nakayama. Nakayama neither teaches nor suggests the desirability of, nor any means to effect, any matching of any innovator, or an innovation, with any development resources.

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